CHAPTER 58.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A CENTRAL HIGHWAY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enuct:

SECTION 1. That there shall be established in the manner here-Central highway inafter provided a public Central Highway, extending from some established. point on Beaufort Harbor, in the county of Carteret, through the route. counties of Carteret, Craven, Jones, Lenoir, Wayne, Johnston, Wake, Durham, Orange, Alamance, Guilford, Davidson, Rowan, Iredell, Catawba, Burke, McDowell, Buncombe, and Madison, to some point on the Tennessee State line. That the said Central Components of Highway shall be composed, as nearly as practicable, of roads highway. already existing; and the Highway Division of the North Caro-Selection, desiglina Geological and Economic Survey is hereby charged with the nation and report duty of selecting and designating the route of the said highway and to report the route so selected and the roads so designated to the board of trustees hereinafter provided for; and shall also report to the boards of commissioners of each county through which the said highway shall pass the route or line of road designated through such county. The duties imposed by this act upon the Duties discharged Highway Division of the North Carolina Geological and Economic compensation. Survey shall be considered as a part of its official duties, without additional compensation.

Sec. 2. That for the purpose of putting said Central Highway Appropriation by in order, the boards of county commissioners of each county authorized. through which the said highway shall pass are hereby authorized and empowered to appropriate out of the general county funds a sum not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) for each and every mile of said highway in such county, and each city or town through Appropriations by which said highway may pass is likewise empowered to appropriate out of its general funds a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100); but if such town shall have a population in excess of one thousand persons, as ascertained by the United States census of one thousand nine hundred and ten, such town may, for such additional one thousand inhabitants as shown by said census, appropriate an additional sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each and every thousand of population in excess of one thousand. That all funds appropriated by any county shall be spent within Funds spent said county and under the authority of the board of commission-appropriating ers of said county; and any funds appropriated by any city or same. town shall be expended within the county in which said city or town shall be located, and under the authority of the board of aldermen or other governing body of such city or town.

Sec. 3. That in addition to the appropriations hereinbefore au-County road thorized, the boards of commissioners of the counties through which the said Central Highway shall pass are hereby authorized and empowered to use the road force of such county, whether it